



Department of Labor

Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships (CFBNP)

Partnership Opportunities For Organizations and Communities

The U.S. Department of Labor's Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships (CFBNP) reaches out to faith-based groups, community organizations, and neighborhood leaders to provide information and seek input on the important work that DOL performs on behalf of workers and job seekers. CFBNP seeks to build lasting community partnerships between these groups and DOL's workforce development and worker protection agencies.

Department of Labor Program Snapshots

Workforce Development

- **Public Workforce System** – DOL oversees a nationwide network of 3,000 American Job Centers. These centers provide job seekers a range of employment and training services.
- **Electronic Tools** – DOL administers a number of e-tools that assist millions of people every month with their employment-related needs.
- **Training for Jobs of the New Economy** -Through competitive solicitations, DOL funds job training initiatives led by nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and others in areas such as advanced manufacturing and health care.
- **Special Populations** - DOL supports specific initiatives that provide employment-related services to special populations such as veterans, persons with disabilities, homeless families, and at-risk youth.

Worker Protection

- **Law Enforcement** – DOL enforces a number of federal laws and regulations that protect workers in the areas of wages paid, hours worked, health and safety, discrimination, and more.
- **Special Worker Populations** – DOL enforces federal laws that protect specific classes of workers, such as children, nonimmigrant foreign workers, farm workers, veterans, and employees of federal contractors.
- **Employee Benefits** – DOL helps protect workers who are covered by private retirement plans, health insurance plans, other welfare plans, such as disability or dental insurance plans, and family and medical leave benefits.
- **Unemployment Insurance** – DOL oversees the Federal-State Unemployment Insurance program that provides benefit payments to help dislocated workers and their families while also supporting the economy.

Key Agency Web Sites

Workforce Development

Employment & Training Administration www.doleta.gov
Veterans' Employment & Training Service www.dol.gov/vets
Office of Disability Employment Policy www.dol.gov/odep
Women's Bureau www.dol.gov/wb

Worker Protection

Wage and Hour Division www.dol.gov/whd
Occupational Safety and Health Admin. www.osha.gov
Office Federal Contract Compliance Progs. www.dol.gov/ofccp
Employee Benefits Security Admin. www.dol.gov/ebsa
Unemployment Insurance ows.doleta.gov/unemploy
International Labor Affairs Bureau www.dol.gov/ilab



How to Work with the Department of Labor

Workforce Development

- **Start or Partner with a Job Club.** Coordinated by volunteers and hosted by religious institutions, libraries, or community centers, Job Clubs offer networking and counseling for unemployed community members. The CFBNP helps link Job Clubs with each other and DOL programs and resources. Visit www.dol.workforcegps.org for information and to join the online community.
- **Reach out to your local American Job Center.** Find your nearest American Job Center by ZIP code or city at www.servicelocator.org. Call the Center to inquire about establishing a referral relationship or other partnership.
- **Logon and get familiar with DOL's e-tools.** "MySkills, MyFuture" and "MyNextMove" are DOL's new career exploration website (www.myskillsmyfuture.org) and (www.mynextmove.org); CareerOneStop offers tools for job seekers (www.careeronestop.org); and WorkforceGPS (www.workforcegps.org) offers a library of resources for frontline staff. O*NET Online (<http://online.onetcenter.org>) serves as the nation's primary source of occupational skills and competency information.
- **Partner with a local grantee.** Find the nonprofit organizations in your region that are DOL grantees and reach out to discuss partnership development. Visit www.doleta.gov/grants/grants_awarded.cfm to find nonprofit grantees. For a list of recent DOL competitive grant awards by state go to www.usaspending.gov/Pages/Default.aspx.
- **Join a local partnership to apply for funding.** Learn about DOL grant solicitations and reach out to organizations in your area to develop a joint grant application. Go to www.grants.gov to find all federal funding opportunities. For guidance on applying for grants, go to www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/applicant-tools-and-tips.html.

Worker Protection

- **Know Your Rights Campaign.** Learn about DOL's public outreach campaign to protect low-wage and vulnerable workers. Request "Know Your Rights" materials from DOL for your center or place of worship at www.dol.gov/wecanhelp.
- **Reach out to local DOL staff.** Contact local staff from DOL's worker protection agencies and invite them to make a presentation to your staff, congregants, members, clients or participants. Visit www.dol.gov and follow the links for the specific agencies.
- **Provide input to DOL on regulations.** Twice a year, the DOL regulatory agenda reviews selected DOL regulations that impact workers. Faith-based and community organizations offer valuable sources of insight from the worker perspective. Visit www.dol.gov/regulations to learn about the regulatory agenda and how to offer input.
- **OSHA grants and alliances.** OSHA's Susan Harwood grants program provides funding on a competitive basis to community groups involved in worker safety training. See <http://osha.gov/dte/sharwood/index.html>. OSHA's Alliance program offers faith-based and community groups an opportunity to partner around education, compliance assistance tools, information sharing and other resources. See <http://www.osha.gov/dcsp/alliances>.

For updates and additional information, please visit the DOL Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnership's website at www.dol.gov/cfbnp or contact us at cfbnp@dol.gov, 202-693-6017.